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POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD FOR ALLOCATING OPERATOR CONTROL FUNCTIONS TO OPERATOR-COMMUNICATION CONTROLS OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHICH IS ABLE TO EXECUTE THE FUNCTIONS OF A PLURALITY OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES AS SWITCHABLE FUNCTIONS, ESPECIALLY DEVICES IN MOTOR VEHICLE LUXURY FEATURE ELECTRONICS, AND THE CORRESPONDING DEVICE**, and the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto;
- ☐ was filed as United States Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_ and was amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_.
- ☐ was filed as PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_.
- ☐ an English translation of which is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or

of any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S)  
AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119**

Country : Germany

Application No. : 1 00 26 760.2-34

Date of Filing: May 30, 2000

Priority Claimed

Under 35 U.S.C. § 119 : ☒ Yes    ☐ No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 120 of any United States Application or PCT International Application designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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**U.S. APPLICATIONS**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : METHOD FOR ALLOCATING OPERATOR  
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DECLARATION OF MIRAV SOROKA

I, Mirav Soroka, declare:

1. I am an employee in the Docket Department at the law firm of Kenyon & Kenyon, One Broadway, New York, New York 10004.
2. I am the employee who processed the above-noted application for mailing on May 30, 2001. As can be seen from the attached log sheet the instant application was signed in for processing at 5:28 PM. I immediately processed the application for mailing and at or about 5:28 PM it was given to the mail room personnel for postage and hand carrying to the Bowling Green Postal Station.
3. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: June 1, 2001

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DECLARATION OF CESAR SUMAGUE

I, Cesar Sumague, declare:

1. I am an employee in the mail room at the law firm of Kenyon & Kenyon, One Broadway, New York, New York 10004.
2. Part of my normal duties in the mail room is to affix postage to all Express Mail packages including correspondence intended for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: On May 30, 2001, the day the above-referenced application was sent to the mail room from the docket department for final processing and then deposited at the Post Office, I was present at Kenyon & Kenyon and engaged in my normal duties as just described.
3. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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DECLARATION OF EDWIN SANTIAGO

I, Edwin Santiago, declare:

1. I am an employee in the mail room at the law firm of Kenyon & Kenyon, One Broadway, New York, New York 10004.
2. I am the employee who brought the above-noted application to the U.S. Post Office, Bowling Green Postal Station, New York, N.Y., for mailing on May 30, 2001. As can be seen from the Express Mail receipt, the Express Mail envelope including the instant application was processed by Post Office personnel at 19:51 PM.
3. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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